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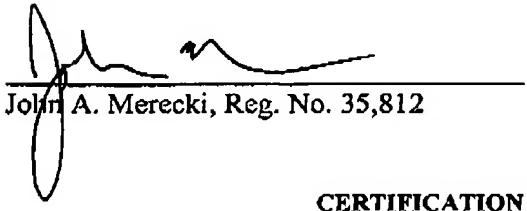
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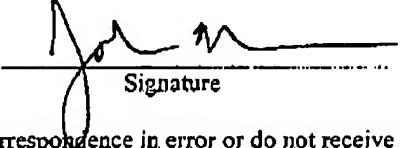
  
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Introductory Comments

This paper is being filed in response to the Office Action of September 28, 2004. Reconsideration and allowance are respectfully requested in view of the amendments and remarks that follow.